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WILLIE SCHMIDT

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This week has seen the return of the hockey wars to the O.S.H.L., with our defenseman Willie Schmidt coming out with another crop of stitches, from the stick of Bill Warwick of the Vees.

Schmidt, without doubt is one of the cleanest players in the league, and to have to continually take a beating from a player who receives no penalty for doing this hemstitching, is a bit on the rough side. However, maybe it is a good thing that Willie does control his temper, or someone would be out of hockey for the balance of the season, which from my viewpoint, would be a good thing.

Sherman "Tank" Blair, one of our newest additions to the Canadians, is rapidly rounding into form, his complete hockey history is listed on the inside back page of this programme.

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KAMLOOPS	20	8	11	1	67	72	17
VERNON	17	7	9 -	1	62	69	15

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	GP	W	L	T	Pts
KAMLOOPS	54	30	21	3	63
KELOWNA	54	27	24	3	57
PENTICTON	54	23	24	7	53
VERNON	54	20	31	3	43

During his career as a player centerman, Agar has scored 300 goals, named high scorer for the Western Hockey League in 1951, captained the Stampeders in 1952 and won the U.S.H.L. scoring crown in 1947-48 when he playing for Houston, Texas.

A native of Saskatoon (where the hockey players come from), Agar earned his spurs playing for the Edmonton E.A.C.s in 1939. That was the year he turned pro and was picked up by Cleveland, where he made his debut into the world of stars.

Two years ago he led the Calgary Stampeders in scoring by chalking up 66 points, 22 goals and 44 assists. Defnitely a creditable showing in such a rough league.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS 1953-54

	GP	W	L	T	PIM	Pts
PENTICTON	64	42	20	2	1219	86
KELOWNA	64	31	32	1	863	63
KAMLOOPS	64	27	33	4	679	58
VERNON	64	25	36	3	614	53



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12.	Jack McIntyre			
14.	Grant Warwick			/
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Another new Canadian that has seen a lot of this old world during his hockey career, is Sherman "Tank" Blair. Sherman started his hockey in Calgary, playing peewee up to junior hockey in the Cow Town.

In 1946-47, Blair was playing for the Calgary Juveniles, and stepped up to the junior Buffs, playing in th W.C.J.H.L. against two of his present teammates, Lavell and Lowe, who were with Lethbridge. 1947-48 saw him go to the Providence Reds for a tryout, but came back, and played for Calgary in the Big Six, being beaten out in the Western Canada intermediate semi-finals by Camrose. During the first part of the '48-'49 season, "Tank" went to Spokane and played for the Flyers, returning to Calgary after the first of the year. The next season, 1949-50, he jumped the rattler to Trail, and played for the Smokeaters, returning again to Calgary about the first of February.

1950-51 Sherman went over to Scotland, and played for Kirkcaldy in the Scottish league, ending the season with 90 points, 55 goals and 35 helpers. The following season, 1951-52, he played for Kimberley, but finished the season playing for the Hillhursts in Calgary. 1952-53 he again returned to Scotland playing for Falkirk, but received a broken leg in the first league game, being out of hockey for the balance of the season. Liking the Scottish weather he again returned to Falkirk in '53-'54, their team winning the National League playoffs, and Blair wound up the season with 111 points in the scoring race. The leading scorer finished with 160 points, Blair scored his 100th goal that season.

This year he has been slow in starting, but during the past few weeks, has been steadily adding to his scoring total. We look for him to be near the top of the scoring heap, comes the end of the season.

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ODIE LOWE

After getting away to a slow start this season, Don McLeod is rapidly coming into his own now that the league is tightening up with every game. Don is one defenceman that can really rack up the boys in the other alley.

Odie Lowe and Geo. Agar have seen lots of centre ice work for the last couple of games, especially Odie. He has been centreing every line so far and has been garnering his scoring points regularly. There are few centremen in the league that can flip a pass to his forwards the way Lowe handles the disc.

Orval Lavell received a broken jaw in the game with Kelowna on Wednesday. H miss three or four games.

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ART DAVISON

As pointed out before in this program, Blair may be slow in starting to hit the net, but when he does, look out. The last couple of games, "Tank" has been dumping that puck into the twine just like they do in the N.H.L. Reminds me very much of the way Juckes handled those goalmouth passes.

The display that Art Davison put on the other night while killing a Vernon penalty was out of this world. Every fan in the stands was pulling for Art to sink that shot of his, after he had taken the rubber away from the two big Packer rearguard men.

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PENTICTON	54	23	24	7	53
VERNON	54	20	31	3	43

During his career as a player centerman, Agar has scored 300 goals, named high scorer for the Western Hockey League in 1951, captained the Stampeders in 1952 and won the U.S.H.L. scoring crown in 1947-48 when he playing for Houston, Texas.

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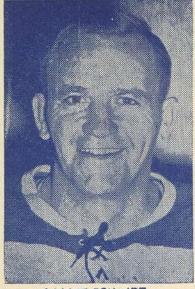
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Vernon's rearguards were hard hit during the past week. Willie Schmidt was the first casualty, picking up a wrenched knee. Late word is that Willie may have to take a longer rest than thought at first. Then to make things tougher steady Tommy Stecyk hurt his fingers on Wednesday while at work, the result was four stitches. Both players mediately we were at Kamloops but it is hoped that they will be back in action tonight.

Sherman Blair is giving Bill Warwick a close run for the goals scored title. "Tank" at present has 28 markers while the Penticton wizard has 35 (not counting Thursday's game). Nice to see Chuck McCullough pick up his first two points in Kamloops, a goal and an assist. We look for many more to come from that same source.

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